

Perseus and the birth of Perseus Attic bilingual white ground lekythos attr. Diosphos Painter, c. 500-450 BC New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art (1070)





Running Gorgon, headless Medusa and small Perseus/ 2 Perseuses and Atehna with shield Black-figure pouring bowl with 3 handles Boiotia (Thebes), late 5<sup>th</sup> C BC Boston MFA (Ac 01.8070)



The birth of Perseus and Chrysaor Etruscan Munich



The birth of Perseus and Chrysaor Athenian black-figure pyxis, 6ht C BC Paris, Musée du Louvre (Ca 2588)



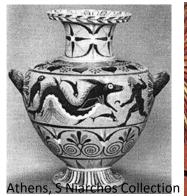
The birth of Perseus and Chrysaor Sarcophagus from Golgoi (Cyprus)





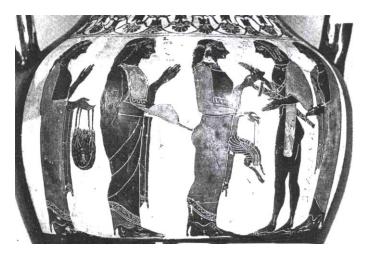


Corinthian black-figure amphora from Cerveteri, c. 575-550 BC Berlin, Antikensammlungen (inv F 1652)





Herakles and the Trojan Ketos Caeretan black-figure hydria; c. 530-520BC credit: <u>www.theoi.com</u>



Perseus receiving gifts of winged sandals, hat and kibisi Eleusis, Museum





Perseus with hat, winged boots and kibisi over shoulder, straight sword, looking away from Medusa (centaur)
Relief amphora, c. 660 BC
Poaris, Musée du Louvre



Perseus and the Graiai, winged boots, kibisis over shoulder, stealing away with the head Attic, red-figure krater fragment Delos Museum (B7263)

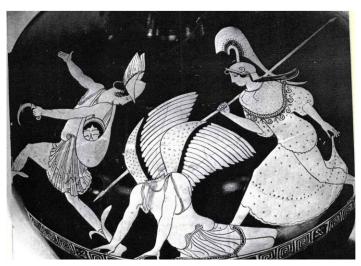


Persues holding head of Medusa above Tunny fish Stater of Mysia, Kyzikos, c. 400-330 BC Boston, Museum of Fine Arts (04.1339)

## Classical images – Greek (killing Medusa)



Perseus and Polydektes with Athena at left Attic red-figure bell-krater, c. 430 BC Bologna. Museo civico, no. 325



Perseus decapitating Medusa with Athens to right Red-figure London, The British Museum (E 181)



Perseus averting gaze as he kills Medusa Etruscan bronze mirror, c 4th C BC Boston Museum of Fine Arts (Ac 61.1257)



Perseus with Athena holding head of Medusa (note reflection on shield) and Hermes
Apulian red-figure bell krater, c. 400-385 BC
Boston, Museum of Fine Arts (Ac 1970.237)

## Classical images - Greek (with Andromeda)



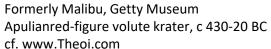


Attic calyx crater 5<sup>th</sup> C BC Agrigento, Sicily



Boston, MFA, red-figure Pelike, Attic, c 450-440 BC, wkshp Niobid pntr, ac 62 2662











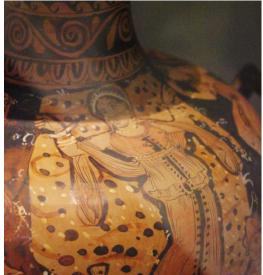
# Classical images — Greek (multi-scene)





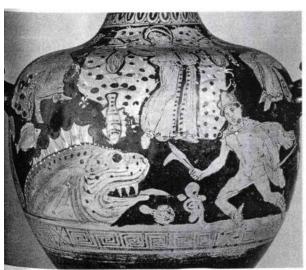
Attic red-figure calyx krater from Capua, c. 400 BC Berlin, Antikensammlungen (inv VI 3237)





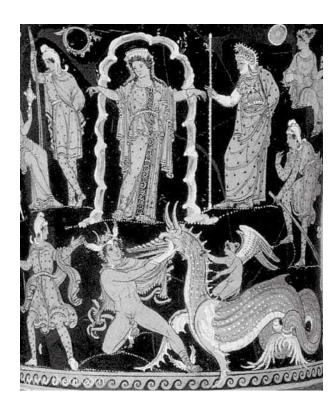


Berlin Antikensammlungen, Campanian red-figure Hydria, inv. 3238, 375-25 BC





16: (above left) Campanian red-figure hydria. Perseus and Andromeda. Andromeda stands chained to a rock while Perseus, wearing a winged helmet, attacks the ketos with a harpe. Kepheus sits to one side, a woman to the other. Mid-4th Century. 36.5 cm



Perseus battling Ketos Apulian red-figure barrel-bodied amphora, attr. Metope Group, c. 325 BC Malibu, J Paul Getty Museum inv. 84 AE 996

## Classical images – Greek



Head of Perseus with winged hat Silver roundel with gold leaf (7.2 cm) from a bridle ornament Greek, 3rd C BC Boston, Museum of Fine Arts (Ac. 60.1154)





Perseus killing Medusa with Apollo 3 feet of an Etruscan cista 7th-2nd C BC location unknown (cf Warburg Iconographic database)

Perseus being armed Etruscan mirror 6th-3rd C BC location unknown (cf Warburg Iconographic database)

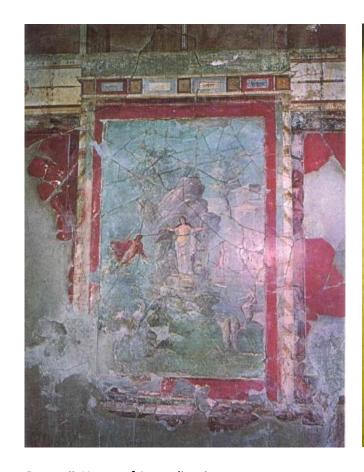
# Classical images – Roman

## Perseus





Perseus holding head of Medusa Oval glass gem (and cast) Roman, 1<sup>st</sup> C AD Boston, Museum of Fine Art (Ac. 02.278)



Pompeii, House of Amandius. in the triclinium, 3rd style www.agefotostock.com = (c) dea/a dagli orti

Naples, Mus Naz from Pompeii, inv. No 9477





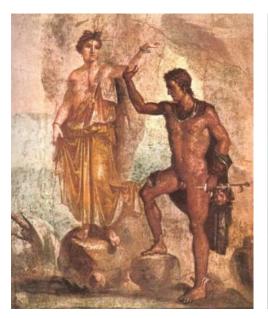


Perseus and Andromeda from Boscotrecase, Villa Agrippa Posthumous, last decade 1st C BC NY, Met Mus



Perseus and Andromeda from Pompeii Naples, Museo nazionale

## Classical images- Roman (for additional images, see Phillips, Am J of Arch, 1968)



Naples, Mus. Arch from Pompeii, House of the Dioscuri, 1st C AD



Deultum. Coin for Macrinius (217-18) with Perseus and Andromeda on reverse; see discussion on http://teegeeoperanobilia.blogspot.co.uk/2010\_07\_01\_archive.html



Naples, Mus naz, from Herculaneum, inv. 8993



Gaziantep (Turkey), Gaziantep Museum credit: www. theoi.com



Antakya (Antioch, Turkey) Antakya Museum credit: www.theoi.com



Tunis, Bardo Museum credit: www.theoi.com



Tarragona (Spain), Archaeological Museum from Tarraco, 2nd-3rd C AD



Mosaic – 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> CC credit: http://archaicwonder.tumblr.com/ post/125374272667



Location? 2nd-3rd C AD credit: Flickr:samiblog

## Classical images — Roman (with Perseus and Andromeda)







Floor mosaic in peristyle Roman Coimbra (Coninbriga), House of Fountains Credit: flickr (Ana Pavlovic)

coin of Gordion III from Deultum bronze, 4th C BC credit: www.forumancientcoins.com n.b. – Cetus curled at feet of Andromeda



Perseus with Medusa's head Ostia antica © E. Dekker



Perseus killing Medusa with Mercury and Minerva Silver plate, late 2nd C AD Museu nacional de Arcqueologia n.b. – reflection in shield



Medusa Rondanini Roman copy of 5th C Greek model Munich, Glyptothek (252)



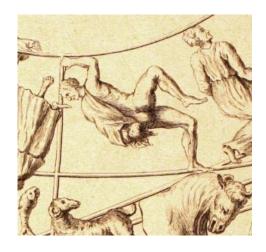
Architectural relief Campania, 1st C AD Paris, Musée du Louvre



Male Medusa Romano-British, from Chester Chester, Grosvenor

Classical globes Perseus





Naples, Farnese Atlas © Petr Hadrava

Bentley's Manilius

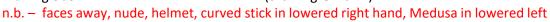
n.b. – back to viewer, nude with cape, bent knees, straight sword raised in right hand, Medusa's head lowered in left, wings on sandals



Paris, Kugel Globe n.b. – standing, faces viewer, nude, winged helmet, harpe in raised left hand, Medusa in lowered right

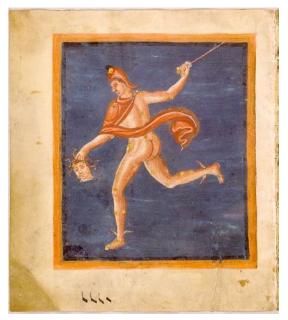


Mainz globe (drawing © Kunzl)



Germanicus mss Perseus

#### l. = z stemma



Leiden, Univbibl Voss lat 4° 79 n.b. – faces away from viewer, to left, nude with mantle, hat, wings on feet, straight sword in raised left hand, Medusa in lowered right hand



Boulogne-sur-Mer, Bibl. Mun. Ms 188 same



vs. planisphere – similar, but not flying



Bern, Burgerbibl, Ms 88 same, but sword now crook



vs. planisphere – same

Perseus Germanicus mss

#### II and III. = O stemma ( $O^1$ or v)

II.



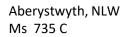
Basle, OBU Ms AN.IV. 18 n.b. – faces away from viewer to left, nude with hat and cape, Medusa in left hand, harpe raised in right, wings on feet



vs. planisphere n.b. – orientation? one hand up, one down

III.

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vs. schema leaping to left



vs. planisphere n.b. - orientation? Medusa and harpe



vs. summer hemisphere no wings, legs extended, wavy cut-off 25

Germanicus mss Perseus

IV. = O stemma ( $O^2$  or  $\mu$ )



Madrid, Bib nac
Ms 19 (16)
n.b. – faces away to left, nude with hat and mantle, winged feet, harpe raised in right hand, Medusa lowered in left

Va. = O stemma ( $O^2$  or  $\mu$  = Siciliensis)



Cologny, Bib Bodmer
Cod lat 7
n.b. – walks to left, rear to viewer,
nude with robe, straight spear and
Medusa's head



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NY, Pierpont Morgan Libr Ms M 389 same

Vb.



Vatican, BAV Barb lat 76 same

### VI.



London BL Egerton 1050 similar, but nude

## VII.

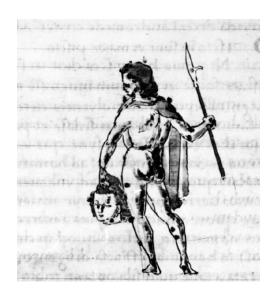


London BL Add 15819 n.b. – same with hooded cloak



Naples, Bib naz XIV D 37 same

#### VIIIa.



Madrid Bib Nac Ms 8282 n.b. – stands facing away from viewer, spear in right hand, Medusa in left



Vatican, BAV Barb lat 77 same as norm



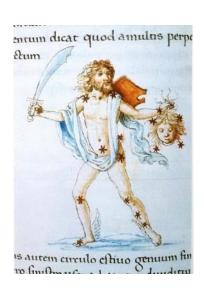
Vienna, Schottenstift Ms 51 same, but bearded

### VIIIb.



Vatican,BAV Urb lat 1358 same

### VIIIc.



Florence, Bibl Laurenziana
Plut 89 sup 43
n.b. – faces viewer, nude with cloak
and with shiled on back, winged
ankles, scimitar raised in right,
Medusa in left

### IX.



Montpellier
Ms H 452
n.b. — youth with arms out and ring on right shoulder

Ps-Eratosthenes Perseus





Planisphere rear view, nude, Medusa in left, harpe lowered in right hand

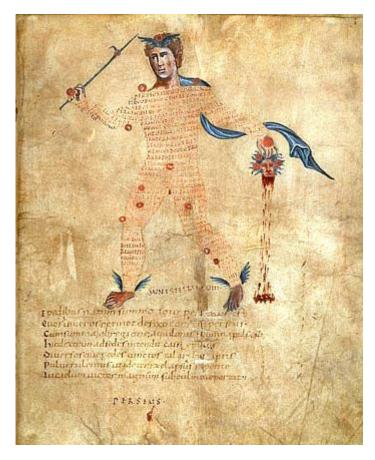


summer hemisphere From rear, dressed with tall hat, Medusa in lowered left hand, sword in raised left hand

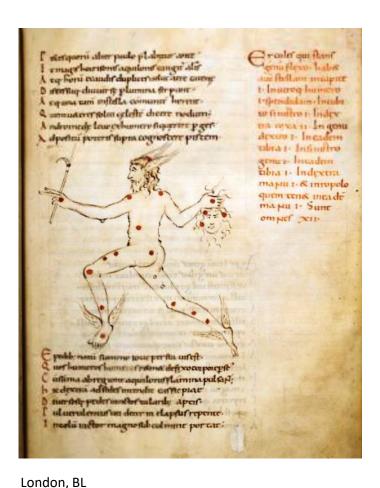
Vatican BAV, Vat grec 1087

n.b. – faces viewer, nude with cape and Phrygian cap, Medusa head in lowered left hand, straight sword in raised right hand

Cicero Perseus



London, BL Harley 647 – planisphere n.b. – from rear, nude, harpe in left and Medusa in lowered



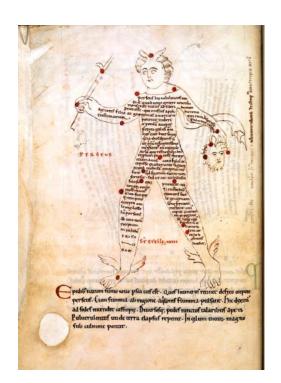
London, BL Harley 647 n.b. - faces viewer, nude with cape, winged head and ankles, raises elongated harpe in right hand, right hand holds Medusa head in lowered left hand

Harley 2506 n.b. – from rear, nude with wings on head and ankles, harpe in extended left hand and Medusa head in extended right hand

Cicero



London, BL
Cotton ms Tib B.V., pars 1
n.b. – facing viewer, clothed, with wings on head and ankles, raises long harpe with right hand and holds Medusa at waist height with left



London, BL Cotton Ms Tib C. 1 similar, but possibly not dressed and Medusa's head possibly male



Gottweig, Stiftsbibl Ms 7 similar, but attributes reversed

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Dresden, Landesbibl.

Ms D C 183 -

n.b. – faces away/ orientation of shoulders unclear, nude with cap, Medusa in extended leading hand, straight sword in extended following hand

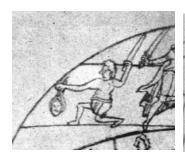
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Dresden summer hemisphere globe



Paris BN
Lat 12957
n.b. – similar, but with cap, cloak and wings on feet



Paris – summer hemisphere globe – faces away n.b. – in loincloth, orientation unclear, Medusa leading, vertical sword following



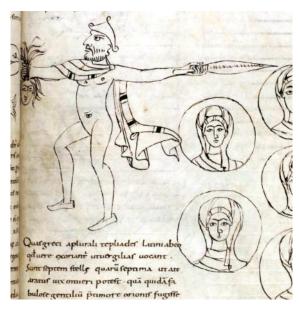
Prague, Univbibl
Ms IX. C. 6 (1717)
n.b. – similar, but with ap, cloak
and orientation of legs different

both missing from ms

Prague – summer hemisphere / globe

Revised Aratus Latinus Perseus

la.



St Gallen, Stiftsbibl Ms 902

n.b. – faces viewer, with cloak, cap and shoes, Medusa in extended right hand, straight sword in extended left



summer hemisphere globe n.b. – kneeling to left, clothed, Medusa in left hand, vertical sword in right



St Gallen, Stiftsbibl Ms 250 same





summer hemisphere same

Revised Aratus Latinus Perseus

lb.



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Gottweig, Stiftsbibl. Ms 7 (146)

hemisphere

globe

n.b. – faces away, cap, cloak, with wings on feet, Medusa bleeding on to rocks in left hand, harpe in right



Siena, Bib com Ms L. IV. 25 n. b. -- same

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summer hemisphere

globe

Revised Aratus Latinus Perseus

#### I. (distant relative)



Paris BN n.a. 1614 n.b. – faces viewer, clothed, vertical sword in right, Medusa in left hand

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Munich, Staatsbibl. Clm 560



Reg lat 1324
n.b. –nude, kneeling to left, Medusa as bearded man in extended right hand, harpe in left



nude

summer hemisphere globe n.b. – walks to left,

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summer hemisphere

globe



summer hemisphere



globe

Revised Aratus Latinus Perseus

II.

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Cologne, Dombibliothek Ms 83.11 ps-Bede, De signis caeli

#### Perseus



left, nude with cloak and wings on feet, Medusa in extended leading arm, harpe in following arm





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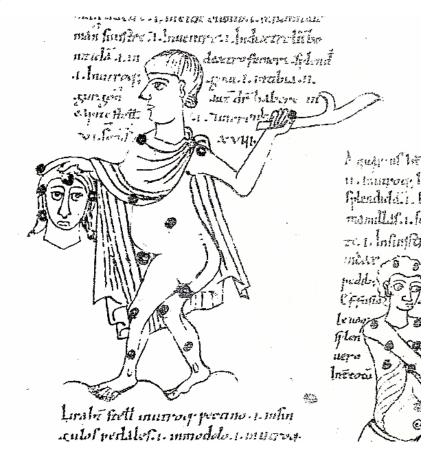


Padua, Bibl Antoniona Ms Anton 27 n.b. – similar



Paris BN lat. 14754 n.b. - similar, most like Oxford

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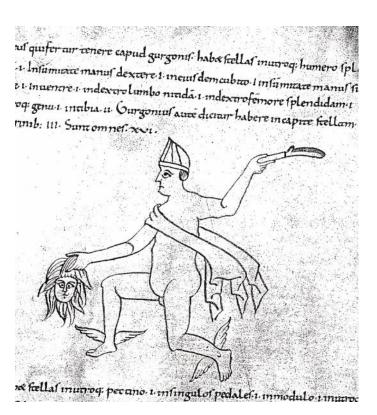
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Bib mun, Ms 488
n.b. – similar, but no wings on feet

ps-Bede, De signis caeli Perseus

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Paris, BN Lat 5543 n.b. – similar, but with Phrygian cap



Paris, BN
Lat 5239
n.b. – similar, but orientation of upper part unclear, conical hat

### IIb.



Klosterneuburg, Stiftskirche, Ms 685 n.b. – faces viewer, nude with cap, cape and wings on feet, Medusa in extended right hand, branch in raised left hand



Vatican, BAV
Vat lat 643
n.b. – similar, but faces away from viewer, running to left



Zwettl, Stiftskirche
Ms 296
n.b. – similar and closer to Klosterneuberg

### III.



Laon Bib mun, Ms 422

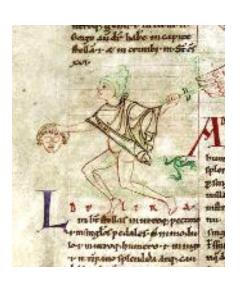
n.b. – faces viewer, lunges to right, nude with cloak, Medusa in extended left hand, sword raised above head in right hand image missing from manuscript

Rouen, Bibl mun, 26

# Singletons

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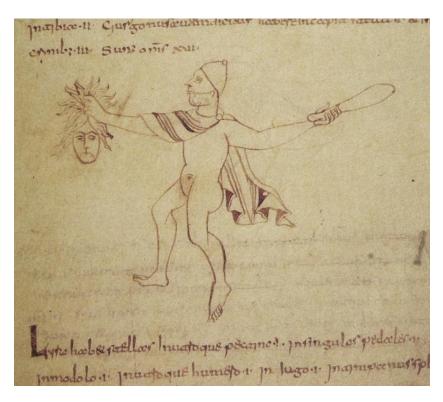


Durham, Cathedral Libr Hunter 100 n.b. – faces viewer to left, nude with cap and cape, Medusa in right hand, dagger in left



Freiburg-im-Bresgau Ms 35 n.b. – faces viewer to right, Medusa in extended left hand, spear in left hand ps-Bede, De signis caeli Perseus

# Singletons



Montecassino, Badia, Ms 3

n.b. – faces viewer, walking to left, nude with cape and conical cap, Medusa in extended right hand, club in left hand

la.



Berlin, Staatsbibl Ms lat 130 (Phill 1832)

n.b. – faces viewer, running to right, nude with Phrygian cap and wings on feet, no Medusa, knife in riight hand



Berlin planisphere

n.b. – facaes away, long curved stick, no Medusa



Monza, Bib capit (246)

Ms F. 9/176

n.b. – similar, but holds medusa in left hand and a long stick in right

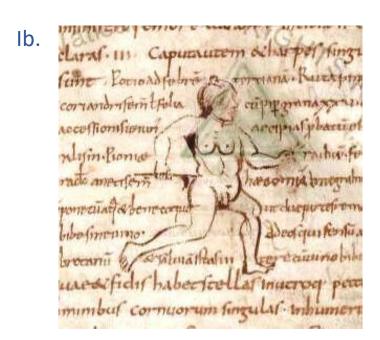
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summer hemisphere Ms F. 9/176 (246)



Madrid, Bib Nac
Ms 3307
n.b. – similar, with Medusa and knife

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Vatican BAV, Vat lat 645 n.b. – same De ordine ac positione Perseus

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Munich, Staatsbibl. Ms clm 210 n.b. – faces viewer to right, clothed (?), Medusa on extended left hand, branch in right hand



planisphere n.b. – similar, but nude



Vienna, ONB Vindob 387 same, but definitely nude

### III.



Austin TX, Harry Ransom, Univ of Texas, Ms 29 n.b. – faces away to right, nude with cape, Medusa in lowered left hand, harpe raised in right



Paris BN
lat n.a. 1614
n. b. – similar, but wearing helmet and both
Medusa and sword held in front of body



St Petersburg, Nat Libr
Ms Q v IX, no 2
n.b. — closer to Texas, but orientation of legs is different

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Paris BN lat 12117

n.b.- faces away, but upper torso twists toward viewer, running to right, nude with cape, sword raised in left hand, Medusa held low in right hand Reg lat 309 n.b. - similar, but not twisted De ordine ac positione Perseus

V.



Los Angeles, Getty Mus Ludwig XII, 5

n.b. – faces viwer to right, nude with cap, Medusa held in left hand in front, club raised in left

## Singletons



Vienna, ONB
Vindob 12600
n.b. – faces away from viewer,
Medusa in left, sickle in right hand



Paris BN, lat 8663

n.b. – faces viewer to left, nude with loincloth and wings on feet, Medusa held low in right hand, curved sword raised in left

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Reykjavik Ms 1812

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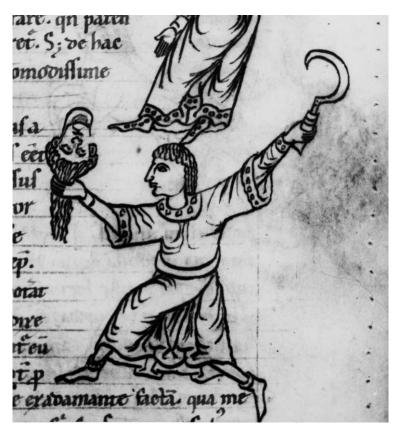
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S Paul im Lavantthal Ms 16/1 (XXV. 4. 20) n.b. – faces viewer to left, nude with loincloth, Medusa in right hand, raised sword in left

Florence, Bibl Laurenziana
Ms Plut 29.30
n.b. – same, but weapon is a club

Leiden, Univ-blbl Voss 8°18 n.b. – faces away to left, in armour, Medusa in left and curved sword raised in right hand

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Wolfenbüttel, Herz Aug
Ms 18. 16. Aug 4°
n.b. –faces viewer (?) to left, clothed, Medusa
upside down in leading hand and sickle in
following hand



London BL Arundel 339 n.b. -- similar, but reversed

## Ic. (singleton)



Vienna ONB Vindob 51 n.b. – similar, but with wings on feet, weapon unclear

## II. (singleton)



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Voss lat 4° 92

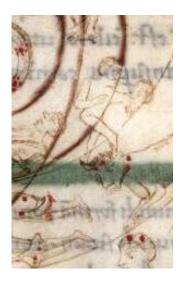
n.b. – faces viewer, clothed,

Medusa held in front in left hand,
short schyth raised above head in
left hand

#### III.







Leiden Univ-bibl Voss lat 8° 15

n.b. – back to viewer to left, nude with cap and cape and winged feet, Medusa in extended left arm, harpe in raised right hand (see ps. Bede Paris lat 5543 and 5239)

Vatican BAV
Reg lat 123
n.b.. – see Perseus with 'bowl' in Ps-Bede –
Kloseterneuberg and Zwettl

planisphere
n.b.. – faces viewer,
walks to right, holding
Medusa

IV.



Oxford, Bodleian Libr Bodley 614

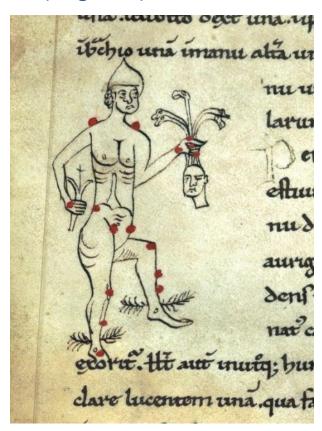
n.b. – faces viewer, dressed with wings on head and on ankles, harpe in raised right hand, Medusa in lowered left hand, note snakes in M's hair



Oxford, Bodleian Libr Digby 83 (SC 1684)

n.b. - same

## V. (singleton)



Baltimore, Walters Art Gallery Ms 734

n.b. – faces viewer to right, cap on head and wings on ankles, Medusa in left hand, object (?) in right hand

## VI. (singleton)

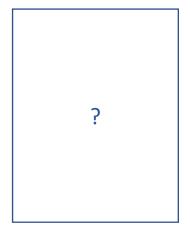


Berlin, Staatsbibl.

Ms 8° 44 (Rose 962)

n.b. – faces viewer to right, clothed, Medusa (labelled: Gorgon) in left and sword in right

## VI- related: German Star Books ('secundum Hyginum')



Lyon, Bib mun, Pal des Arts 45



Lyon, Bib mun
Ms 172
curved sword and male head



Munich, Staatsbibl Germ 595 straight sword, crown, shield with sun

Perseus

# Hyginus

## VI- related: German Star Books ('secundum Hyginum')



Munich, Staatsbibl Clm 59 n.b. – same, but shield more like a head



Vatican BAV Pal.lat. 1369 like Munich 595

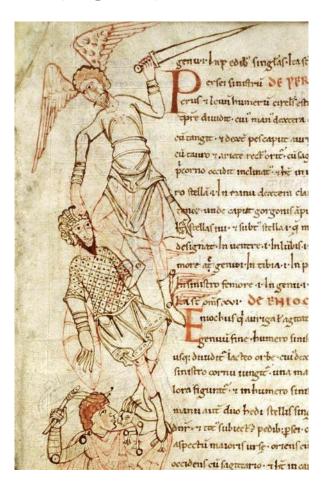


Vatican BAV Pal.lat. 1389 similar



Wolfenbüttel Herz Aug Guelf 81 24 Aug 2 n.b. – 2 times: 1) Medusa as shield, Perseus with shield

### VII. (singleton)



London BL, Roy Ms 13. A. XI

n.b. – facing the viewer, clothed with wings on head and ankles, straight sword raised in left hand and full male figure held by hair in right hand

### VIII. (singleton)



Munich, Staatsbibl. Clm 10270

n.b. – facing away from viewer (?) to left, clothed with cap and wings on ankles, curved blade in raised following hand and 'sun-face' in leading hand

IXa.



Cambridge, Fitzwilliam Mus Ms 260

n.b. – back to viewer, sagging tights, straight sword in right hand, female head in left



Milan, Bibl. Ambrosiana
T. 47 sup
related to Florence BN Magl XI 141



Florence, BN Magl XI. 141

n.b. – walk to left, facing away from viewer, straight sword held behind back with right hand, female head in left



Oxford, Bodleian Libr Can. class lat 179 same

# IXa (cont'd.)



Siena, Bib com Ms L. VI. 25 similar to Milan T 47 sup (note right foot)



Vatican, BAV
Vat lat 3109
n.b. – facing left, no
armour, straight sword in
right hand, female head in
left



Vatican, BAV
Vat lat 3109
n.b. – similar, but with armour and curved sword



Verona, Bibl capitolare Ms CCLXI similar to Siena (note foot)

IXb. IXc.



Oxford, Bodleian Library
Can misc 46
n.b. – walks to left, in armour,
curved sword raised in right hand,
female head in left



Milan, Bibl Trivulziana N. 690 (E 83) same, but wings added to heels



Vatican, BAV
Vat lat 3110
n.b. – youth walks to left,
straight sword raised in right
hand, female head in left hand

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Florence, BNC Magl XI. 114,1

### IXd. (distant singleton)



Florence, Bibl Laurenziana Ashburnam1148

n.b. – facing left, nude?, curved sword raised in right hand, female head in left

IXe.



Pavia, Bibl Univ Aldini 490

n.b. – youth facing viewer and lunges to left, straight sword raised in left hand, female head in right



Vatican., BAV Urb lat 1358 same

### IXf.



New York, Public Library Spencer Ms 28

n.b. – armoured youth walks to left, back to viewer, curved sword on raised right hand, Medusa with wings and snakes in extended left hand, wings on feet



Freiberg, Andreas-Möller-Bibl. Cl XI 4o 9 same

## IXg.



Florence, Bib Laurenziana
Plut 89, sup 43
n.b. – nude, faces viewer, curved sword
held vertically in right hand, female head
in left

Hyginus Perseus

# X. (singleton)

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Vatican, BAV Chigi H. IV. 20

# XI. (singleton)



Cortona, Lib del Comune Ms 184 (256)

n.b. –faces viewer, walking left, sickle raised in right hand, female head extended behind in left hand

Hyginus - singletons Perseus



Cambrai, Bibl Mun.
Ms 933 (832)
n.b. – nude youth facing away and
walking to left, raises curved sword in
right hand, holds female head
extended in left hand

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Cambridge, Trinity College Ms R 15 32

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Leiden, Univ.-bibl. Gronovius 21

### Venice: Ratdolt, 1482



cf Michael Scot = faces viewer, walks to left, curved sword raised in right hand, female head behind in left hand, winged feet and shield on back



Vienna ÖNB Vindob 3111 same

#### la.



Rimini, Cassa di Risparmio (London Sotheby's sale 1992) n.b. — in armour, facing away from viewer to left, curved sword in raised right hand, female head in left with snakes

### lb.



Cambridge, CUL Dd IV 64 n.b. – similar, with wilder hair

#### Ila.



Oxford, Bodleian Libr Bodley 646 n.b. – faces away from viewer, in armour, raised curved sword, female head in left hand



Parma, Bib Palatina, Parm 1008 same



Venice, Bibl Marciana XII, 194 (4148) same

### IIb.



Parma, Bibl Palatina
Parm 27
n.b. – faces away (note foot), curved sword raised in right hand, female head in left



Rome Bibl Casanatense Ms 4059 same



Munich, BSB Clm 15743 similar, but with hat and Medusa with snake-hair

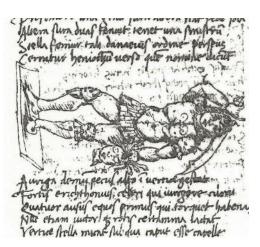
III.



Bologna, Bibl Com Ms 173

n.b. – facing away, in armour, curved sword raised in right hand, male head in left hand

V.



Ravenna, Bib Classense Ms 120

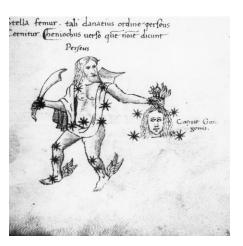
n.b. – faces viewer, curved sword behind head

IV.

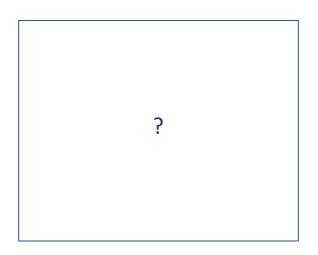


similar to Bologna

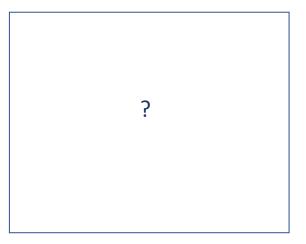
VI.



Florence, Bibl Marucelliana Ms C. CCLI cf. Hyginus edn/Michael Scot



Krakow, Rps BJ 3706



Padua, Bibl. Universitaria Cod 983